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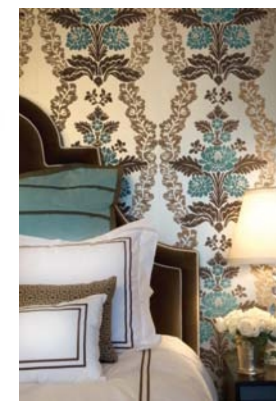
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Festive greens adorn the mantel in a living area fit for a family's casual, cozy holiday celebration.
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A Simple Season...


JOHN JOHNSTON

ONE OF MY FAVORITE design philosophies comes from the English furniture and textile designer William Morris: "Have nothing in your home that you do not know to be useful and believe to be beautiful."

Morris, born in the 1830s in England and educated at Oxford, was, by all accounts, quite a character. A poet and political activist—sometimes even the socialists were a bit too conservative for him—Morris greatly influenced the Arts and Crafts Movement, which taught many a designer (and homeowner) to see the home and its components as works of art.

Though this philosophy on design is timeless, I believe it's especially poignant this time of year, when we set out to decorate our homes to celebrate the holidays. At my house, we trim our tree with homemade ornaments, many of them lovingly crafted by my paternal grandmother, Granny, decades ago. My aunt and mother made our stockings, and our tree skirt was a gift from my husband's maternal grandma. They are all works of art, and we joyfully skip the made-in-China baubles that we find neither beautiful nor useful.

I hope this issue will inspire you to celebrate the season with simple beauty. We've gathered gifts that we'd be thrilled to give and receive, many of them crafted right here in Colorado. We've tracked down beautiful bedrooms and baths; if you've been planning to spruce up your home, let them guide your creative whimsy. And as we do every year, we merrily share homes all dolled up for the season.

From all of us here at *CH&L*, I wish you a beautiful and joyful holiday season.

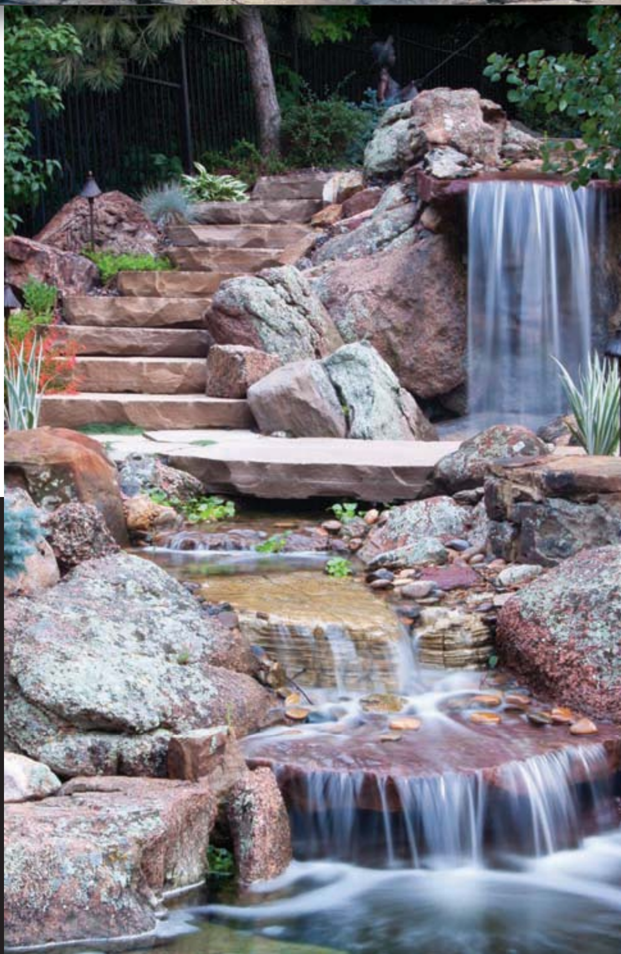
Best wishes,

Hilary Masell Oswald

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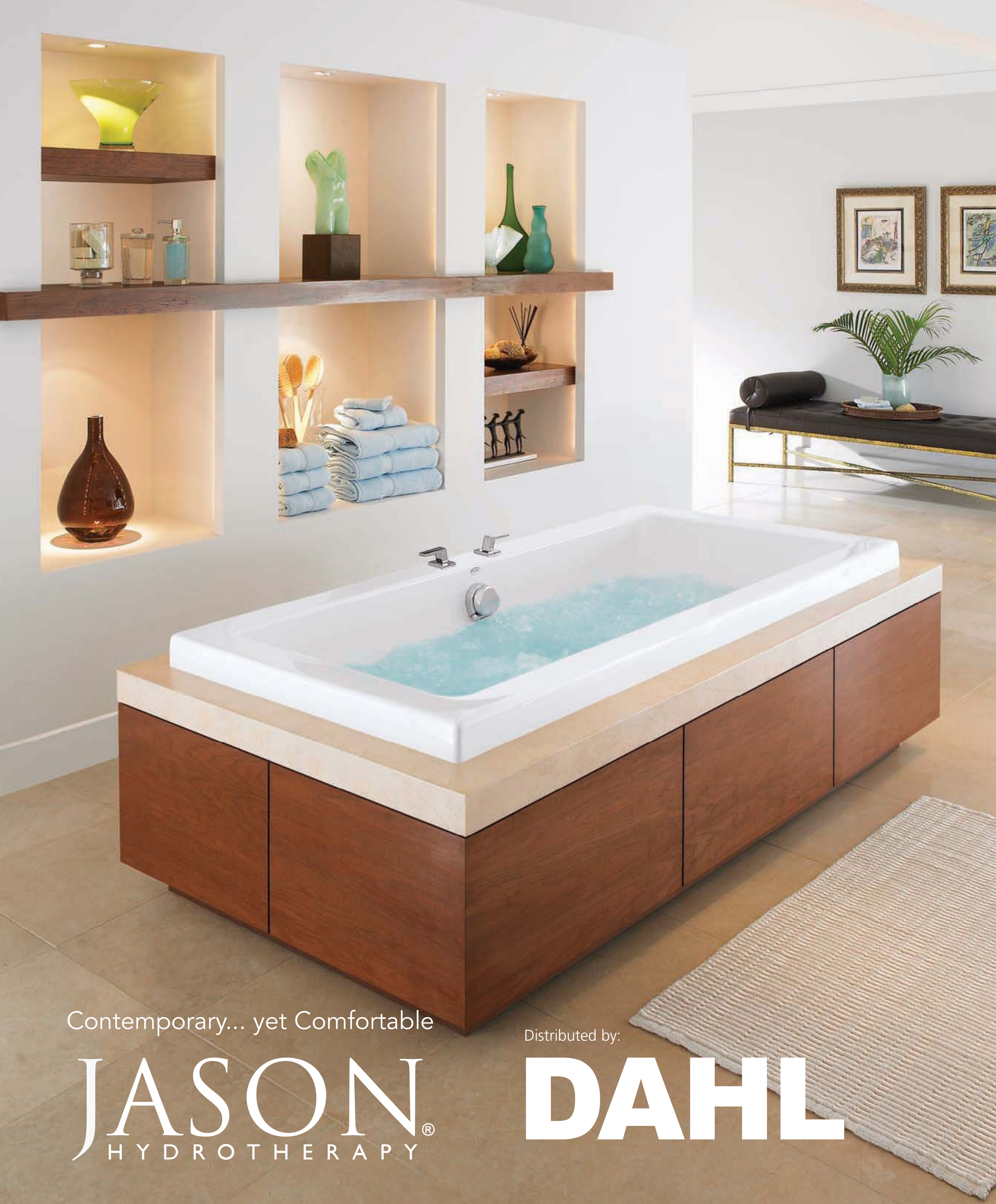
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This year, we called in a little help to round up gift ideas that are sure to bring you cheer. Here, some of Colorado's favorite home design pros—architects, designers and other creative minds—reveal what they dream of giving and receiving this season (and the team at *CH&L* chimes in, too). The result is this delightful wish list, full of personality and cheer and goodies that we hope will inspire your holiday shopping. And who knows? Maybe someone in these pages has you in mind.



MARTIN CRABB



BETH ARMIJO,
INTERIOR DESIGNER, ARMIJO DESIGN GROUP

Would love to give: Customized stationery from Scribbles, Denver, (303) 477-1677, scribblespaper.com. "With all the emailing and texting that goes on these days, there's something nice about personal notes and words on paper for a special occasion."

Would love to get: A pair of upholstered chairs from Lee Alex Decor, Denver, (303) 777-0862, leealexdecor.com. "These two yellow Dorothy Draper-inspired chairs would add subtle glamour to any room with their scale, tufting and dressmaker skirt. Theo at Lee Alex Decor has a great eye for vintage pieces!" ▷





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Would love to give: Aalto Vase by Alvar Aalto, Mod Livin', Denver, (720) 941-9292, modlivin.com. "I love to give Aalto vases because they are sculptural and timeless."

Would love to get: A day of snowcat skiing with San Juan Ski Company, Durango, (970) 749-0971, sanjuanski.com. "I'm an avid skier, and I ski about 40 times per year. Snowcat skiing in Colorado is not only fantastic, but it's also local. I am capable of skiing almost any terrain but not in good enough shape to hike up mountains with all of my ski gear."

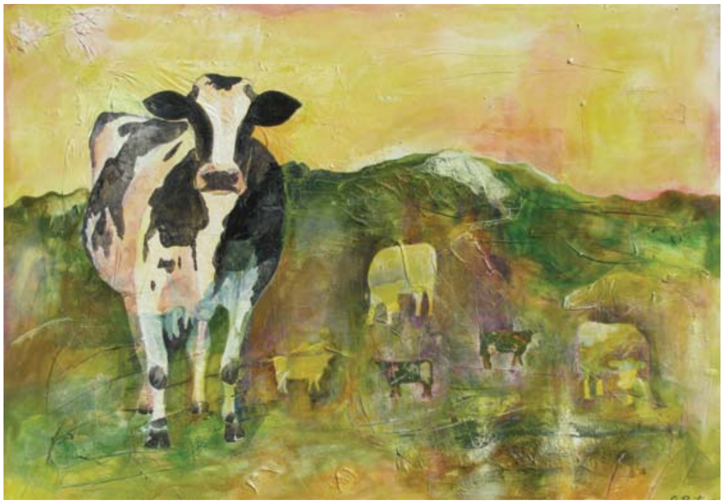


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LAUREL QUINT,
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Would love to give: Wine by The Infinite Monkey Theorem, City Wine, Denver, (303) 393-7576, theinfinitemonkeytheorem.com. "I love to give locally made products that show how versatile and sophisticated Denver can be. My favorite of late is wine by The Infinite Monkey Theorem, made in a Quonset hut in the Santa Fe Art District of downtown Denver. The grapes are from elsewhere, but the mad scientist who concocts is local!"

Would love to get: Accessories from Decorables & Antiques, Denver, (303) 399-8643, decorables.net. "The gifts I love the most are those I receive from one of my best friends, who is also a designer. He always buys me a lovely, classic, unexpected accessory that gives me so much pleasure to look at and enjoy. Thank you—you know who you are!"





CELINE GARRETT,
***CH&L*, ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE**

Would love to give: Rug from Shaver-Ramsey, Denver, (303) 320-6363, shaver-ramsey.com. "These rugs are exceptional. I would love to own another beautiful rug, so I think giving this to someone would make perfect sense."

Would love to get: Painting by Ana Maria Botero, FatTail Gallery, Denver, (303) 733-1021, fattailgallery.com. "Ana Maria has a painting of a cow, and I just like that darn cow. It makes me think of camping trips in Wyoming when I was a kid. We'd always stumble upon a cow or two."







EMILY KAISER,
***CH&L*, ADVERTISING ART PRODUCTION MANAGER**

Would love to give: *Saltwater Taffy Gold Swirl*, original 8-inch-by-8-inch oil painting by Lynn Sulpy, Denver, lynnbabette.etsy.com. "I would give this as a gift because I think it is a call back to childhood. I remember drooling over saltwater taffy being pulled in shop windows while I was a kid on vacation."

Would love to get: Le Creuset 10" Square Skillet Grill and 9" Panini Press, Compleat Gourmet & Gifts, Centennial, (303) 290-9222, compleatgourmet.com. "Having this grill and panini press would allow me to get a taste of summer grilling without having the luxury of an outdoor grill. I can just taste the steak with gorgeous grill marks or the perfectly pressed tomato, pesto and mozzarella sandwich!" ▷



ELAINE ST. LOUIS,
***CH&L*, ART DIRECTOR**

Would love to give: English Retread's Bentley Messenger Bag, Composition, Lakewood, (303) 894-0025, shopcomposition.com. "I would give this nifty repurposed messenger bag. My husband needs a great new carry-all for his papers and laptop."

Would love to get: Bronze Sculpture Humans by Gail Folwell, Walker Fine Art, Denver, (303) 355-8955, walkerfineart.com. "I love these joyful dancers. They are so fluid and graceful—and would look perfect on my fireplace mantel!"



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DAVID LARABEE AND DEXTER THORNTON, FURNITURE DESIGNERS, DOUBLEBUTTER

Would love to give: Boker King Cutter 5/8-inch Straight Razor, Five Points Beauty & Barber Supplies, Denver, (303) 298-1078. "Two blades? Three blades? FIVE blades? Madness, all. None have improved on the original wet shave with a straight blade. Take a little time and do it right. Plus, a badass weapon in a pinch."

Would love to get: Original Stormy Kromer Wool Cap in Dark Brown, Mountain Man, Manitou Springs, (719) 685-1458. "Why? Well, it's wool and that's a nice thing. It would keep our coconuts warm in winter, stylishly. We like to roll up the overhead door to the shop whenever we can, all seasons. This cap would keep us cooking."

JENNIFER WILLIAMS, *CH&L*, PUBLISHER

Would love to give: December 1946 *Esquire* calendar page, Old South Frame & Gallery, Denver, (303) 715-3828, oldart-gallery.com. "I think these pictures are romantic, feminine and unique. There was an entire set, which is what caught my eye, but the total price was $4800 so one print is a great alternative."

Would love to get: Mesh Torso Piece by Arabella Tattershall, Arabella's Statements in Metal, Lafayette, (303) 828-4808. "I saw these at the Crested Butte Arts Festival and loved them for hanging on the wall of a bedroom, closet or bathroom."



MARTIN CRABB







KEIRA RITTER, ARCHITECT AND INTERIOR DESIGNER, KEIRA RITTER DESIGN COMPANY

Would love to give: Custom Vintage Woodtype Letterpress Stationery by BirdDog Press, Lyons, (303) 819-2392, birddogpress.com. "My good friend Alli Bozeman owns this amazing vintage modern letterpress studio and never ceases to inspire me with her creativity."

Would love to get: Side Table by Fin Art, Invironments, Boulder, (303) 413-8003, invironmentsdesign.com. "Another good friend and colleague, Jodi Feinhor-Dennis, owner of Invironments, introduced me to a new line of furniture by Fin Art that she's carrying—and I love it!" ▷





**TONY SMITH,
MARKETING & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR, CHERRY CREEK ARTS FESTIVAL**

Would love to give: Commissioned sculpture by Bill Starke, (303) 750-7059, billstarkesculpture.com. “Being in the non-profit arts industry, I've witnessed many personal and commercial art commissions. Upon completion of the work, the recipient has art to enjoy eternally, and the artist always knows a piece of his- or herself is a part of that person's life forever—and of course the gift-giver loves knowing he or she made it all happen!”

Would love to get: A home basement redesign and remodel by the Office for Elemental Design and Development, Denver, (303) 919-6431, oed2.com. "We live in a beautiful little Congress Park bungalow, and we love that one-hundred percent of our 1,400 square feet is utilized—especially in these times of living lean and green. However, our basement ceiling is a little too short for our taller homeowner; we would love to not only make it taller, but also use the space to its fullest."



**CAROLINE EBERLY,
CH&L, MANAGING EDITOR**

Would love to give: Cru Wine Rack, Umbra, umbra.com. “My parents’ love for a good glass of wine only continues to grow, so I think it’s time they received a wine rack to display their favorite vintages. Plus, this one doubles as a piece of art.”

Would love to get: Crowned Crane Bedding, Anthropologie, Denver, (303) 394-1443, anthropologie.com. “I would love to receive this decadent duvet. All of the puckered folds remind me of a perfectly frosted cake—sheer comfort!”



MARTIN CRABB





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**SARAH BROUGHTON,
ARCHITECT, ROWLAND + BROUGHTON ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN**

Would love to give: Spices from Savory Spice Shop, Denver, (303) 477-3322, savoryspiceshop.com. “I love to give these spices because they are not only very fresh, but the mixes are inspired by and named after Colorado’s natural features. They’re great for our out-of-town relatives!”

Would love to get: Stranahan’s Colorado Whiskey, Denver, (303) 296-7440, stranahans.com. “I love to give and receive whiskey because sometimes, there is nothing better than a snifter of whiskey at the end of the day. I love receiving edible gifts, because the house is always full of visitors during the holidays and everyone is always hungry!” ▷

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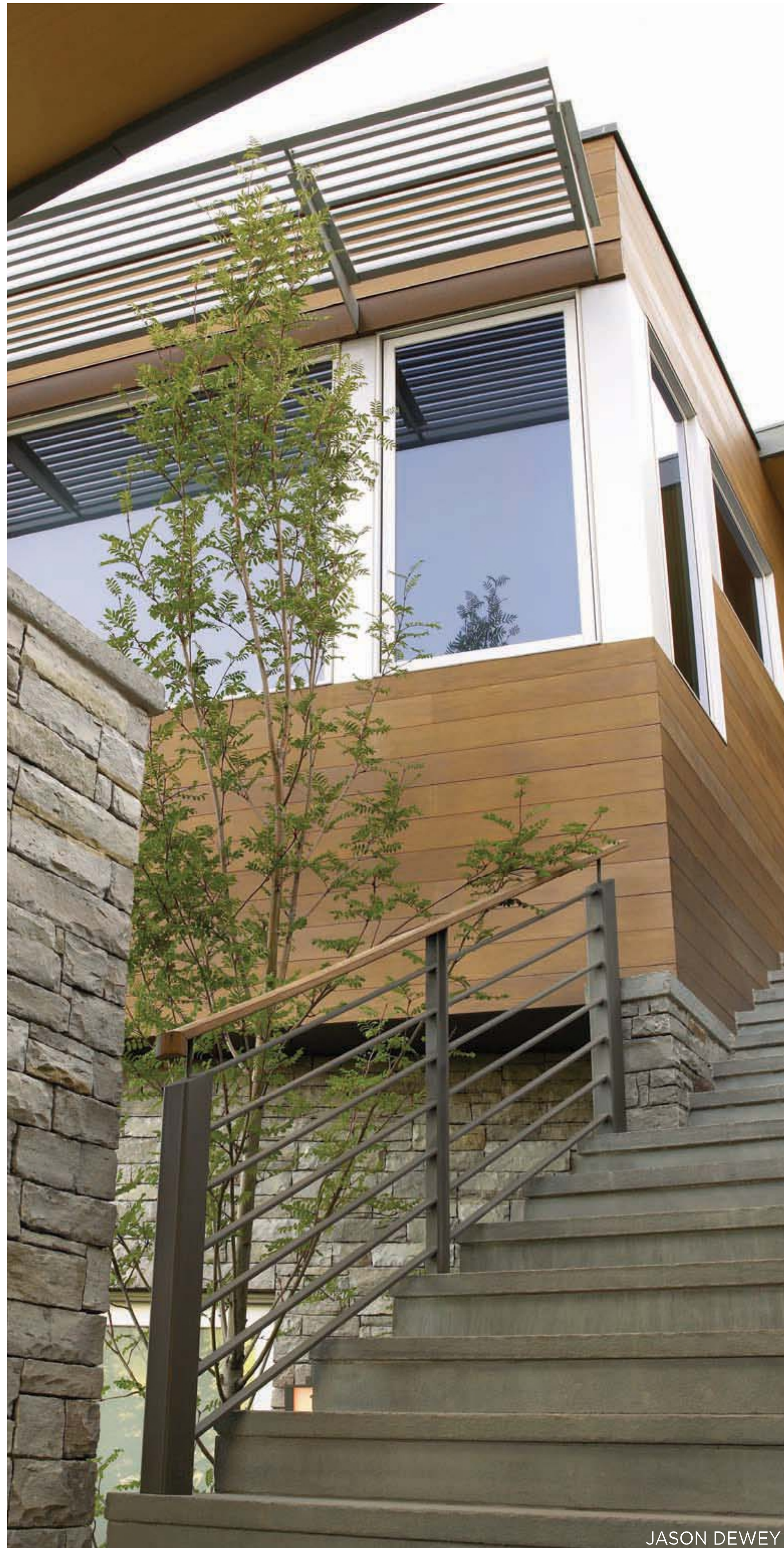
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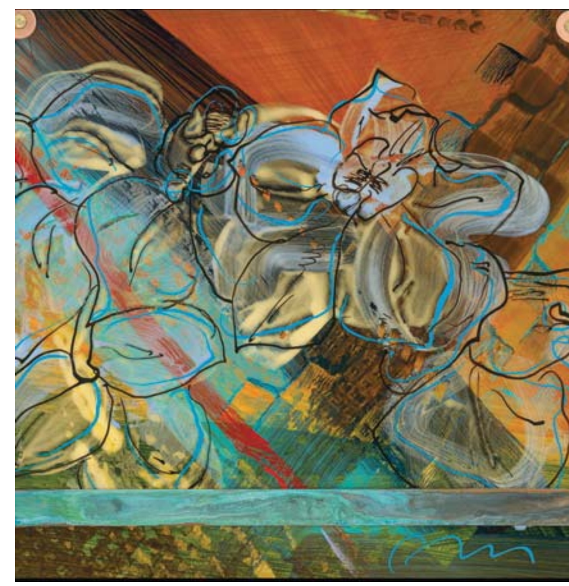


REBECCA HILL,
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Would love to give: Photography by Frank Shine, ShineLine Productions, Aspen, (970) 948-9146, shinelineproductions.com. "This is one of my favorite photos. Frank's brother John constructs frames for his photographs from reclaimed barn wood and steel, which makes each piece truly unique."

Would love to get: *Orchid*, 18-inch-by-18-inch acrylic painting on mylar, from the Orchid Series by Cindy Hansen, Treedogpress Studios, Woody Creek, (970) 948-6087, treedogpress.com. "Cindy's work reflects landscapes in a unique and beautiful manner. Her use of color and expression are truly inspiring to me."



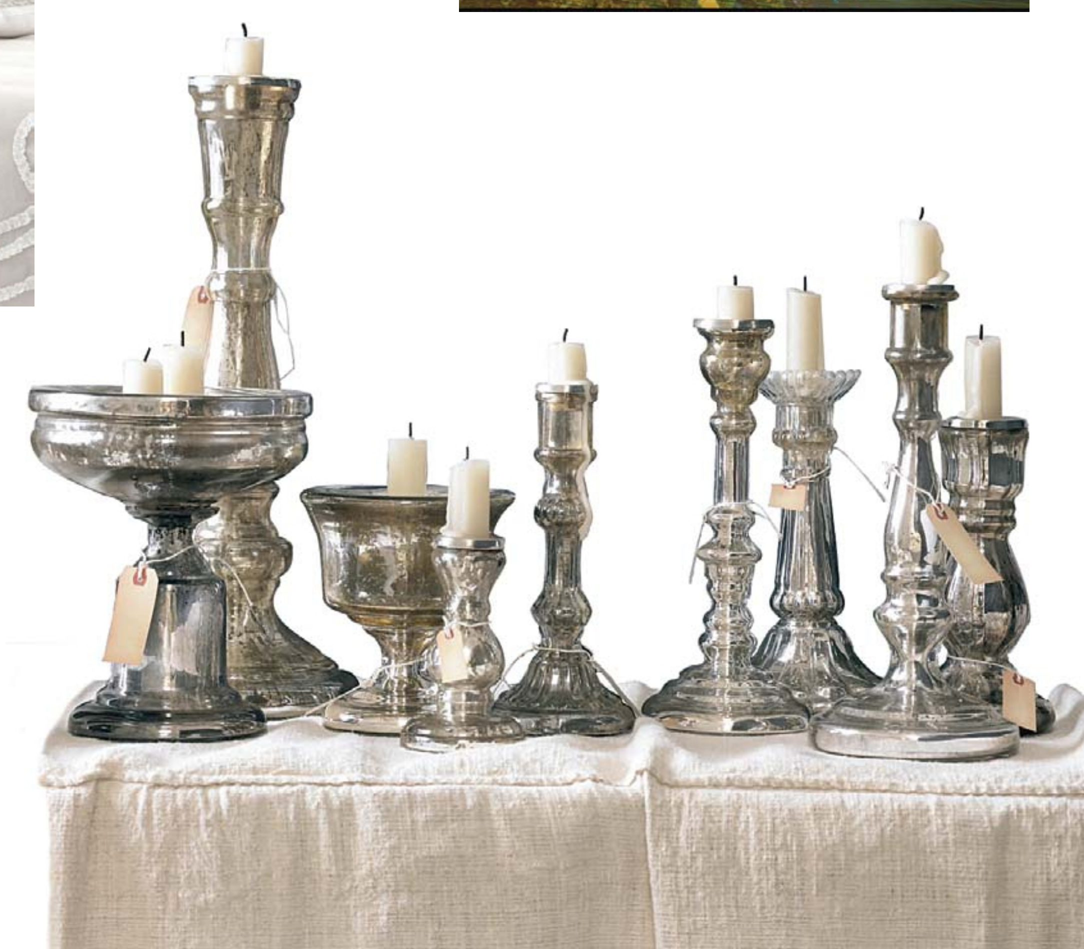


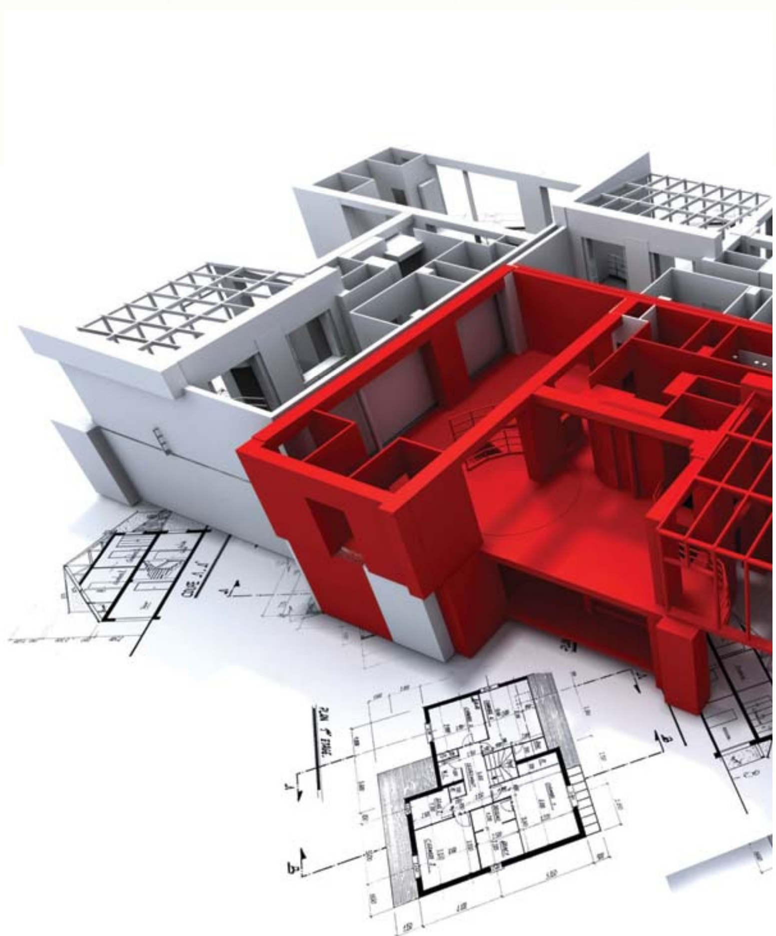


TESS PHILLIPS,
***CH&L*, SALES & MARKETING COORDINATOR**

Would love to give: Antiqued Mercury Glass Candlesticks by Roost, Columbine Showroom, Denver, (303) 722-4400, columbineshowroom.com. "These silver-washed candlesticks would make the perfect gift as they tout a glam that could easily find its place in any home."

Would love to get: Ruched Linen Platinum/White Duvet Cover by Pine Cone Hill, Duxiana, Denver, (303) 355-4991, duxbed.com. "I love the tranquility of the duvet's colors, mixed with the ruched, bold lines of the pattern. It would make the perfect bedding for my fiancé and me, as it's about as gender-neutral as they come!" ▷







MICHELLE COTTRELL, *CH&L*, ADVERTISING ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE

Would love to give: Dr. Andrew Weil for Origins Healthy Lifestyle Collection, Origins, Denver, (303) 321-1555, origins.com. "This is the perfect gift to give to my girlfriends this year to get our skin through those cold, dry Colorado winters!"

Would love to get: Donnabella Chest by Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams, HW Home, Denver, (303) 321-7343, hwhome.com. "This chest, which I would use as a bedside table, is the perfect finishing touch on our eight-month-long remodeling project. It makes me think of something you would find in a boutique hotel in Paris."





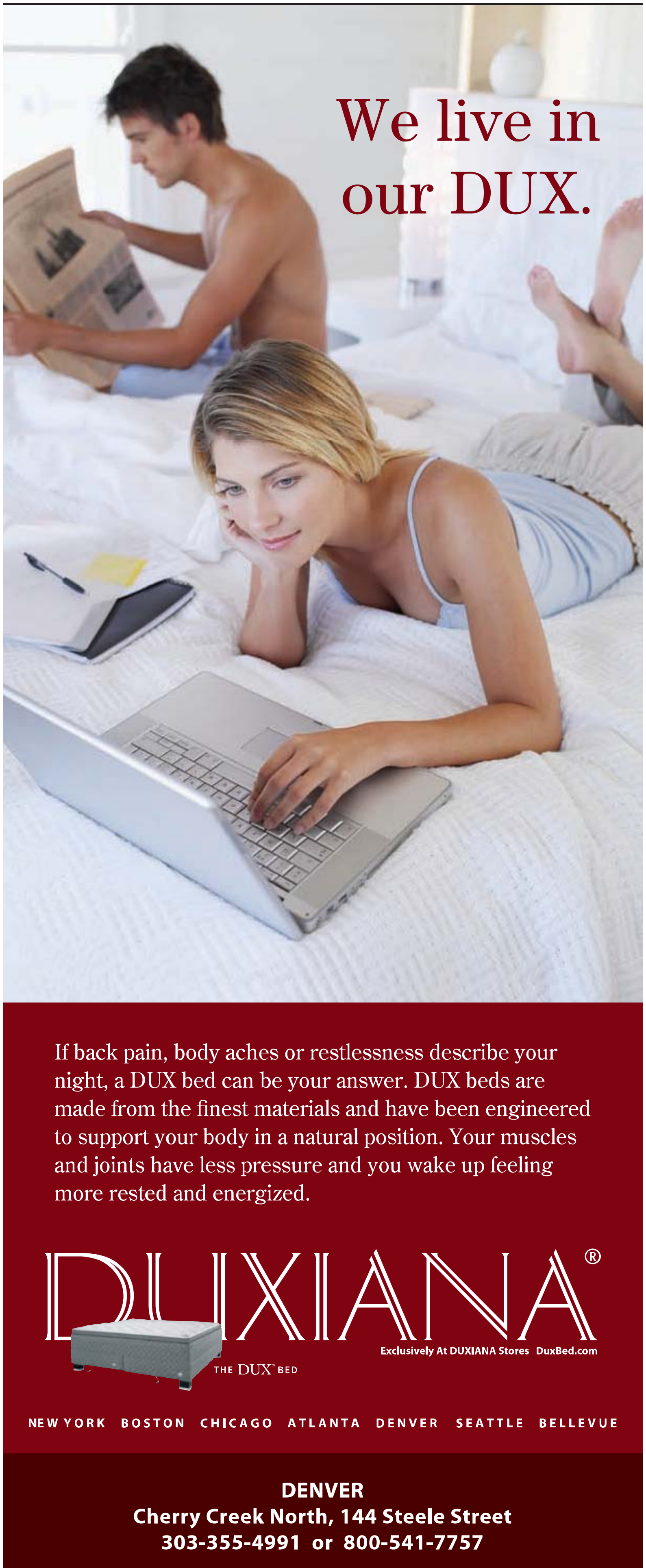
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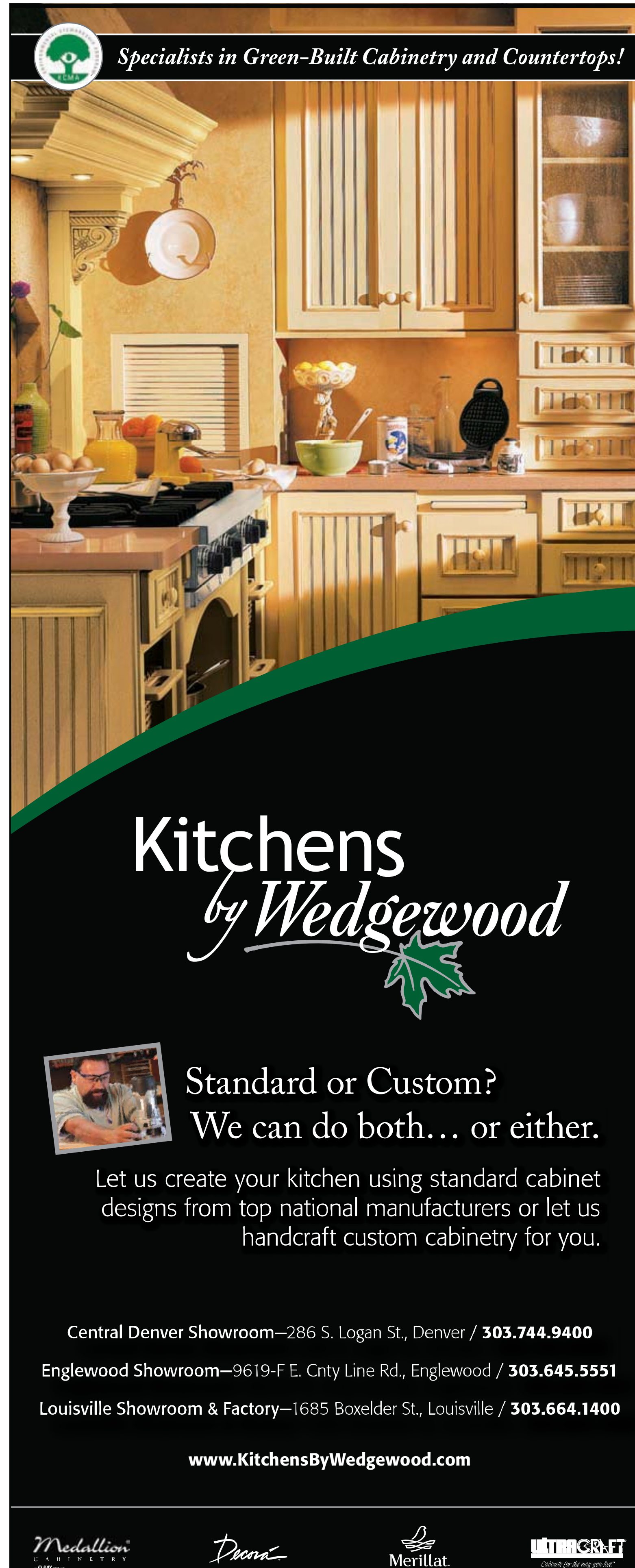
Would love to give: Pitcher from Match Pewter, Homefest, Greenwood Village, (303) 741-3920. "I love the simple beauty of this pitcher, handmade by artisans in Italy. It's as perfect on a mantel or sideboard as it is on the table. Classic!"

Would love to get: A piece of art by Jeffrey Keith, Denver, (303) 257-0492, jeffreykeith.com. "The first time I saw a piece of Jeffrey Keith's work, I was mesmerized. He uses color brilliantly; I think I could look at his work every day of my life and see something new." □



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CHERYL UNGAR

HOMES ALL SPRUCED UP

HEAD TO DENVER'S UP-AND-COMING MIXED-USE LOWRY NEIGHBORHOOD to stroll through homes dressed up for the holidays by local businesses during Central City Opera's 33rd annual L'Esprit de Noel Holiday Home Tour & Boutique. The event takes place from November 20-22—just in time for you to collect some new holiday decorating ideas. To purchase home tour tickets ($20 each), visit centralcityopera.org or call the box office at (303) 292-6700.

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ALAN HILL PHOTO

GOURMET GIFT

THE GOURMET MARKET CULINARY EVENT may be, for your foodie friends (or you), what a Christmas Eve sleigh ride is for Santa: the highlight of the year. On this four-hour-long, chauffeured tour of five of Denver's most exquisite artisan food shops, you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at each store's offerings, sample its delicacies and tap into the expertise of the shops' proprietors—some of Colorado's best-loved foodies. Tours take place November 14 and December 12 from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm, and tickets cost $89. For more information, visit culinaryconnectors.com or email Culinary Connectors' owner Becky Creighton at foodie@culinaryconnectors.com.



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* Scribbles, Denver, scribblespaper.com
* Any Occasion Cards & Gifts, Edwards, (970) 926-4438
* Or garner some tips from longtime Colorado artist John Boak on how to wrap your gifts with creative throwaways. Get inspiration from his impressive photo gallery at www.boakart.com/wrap/WrapArt.html.

Deck THE GARDENS

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I'm Dreaming of a White...**Tablescape**

With a hint of sparkle and a touch of whimsy, this tabletop is the perfect setting for your holiday gathering.

By Hilary Masell Oswald
Photography by Martin Crabb







WHEN DESIGNER NADIA HARTMAN of Nadia Hartman Interiors agreed to create a white-and-metallic tabletop for us, she began by heading straight for the Lark, a gift boutique in Denver's Country Club neighborhood. "They have all kinds of wonderful, shiny things for the holidays," she says. Hartman gathered up a smattering of festive sparkle and set to work. The result is this charming tablescape, dotted with delectable details such as glass pine-cone candleholders and crystal Christmas trees. "I love that you see the main elements of the table—the china and wine glasses, the tall candlesticks—and then you discover the other treasures," Hartman says.

Here, the designer shares tips for you to create a festive tablescape all your own:

* **You don't have to buy all new things to dress up your table.** Change the salt and pepper shakers (we love the birds Hartman used here); opt for an unexpected flower or color. Never underestimate how effective small changes can be.
* **Nobody says you must cover the table.** Hartman skipped the tablecloth or runner because she wanted to play up the contrast between the dark wood table and the clean, white china.
* **Vary the size and scale of items to create visual interest.** The shortest pieces—such as the tiny Christmas trees and salt and pepper shakers shown here—should be the most abundant; the tallest, such as the candlesticks, more scarce.
* **An easy strategy: Choose one signature piece,** such as bright china or a ceramic piece for the center of the table. For the rest of the table, use a muted palette.
* **If you go for this white-and-silver look, add a tiny bit of color,** such as pomegranates and greenery, to warm up the space.
* **Don't just decorate the table.** Add some sparkle to the other parts of your dining room to complete the festive look. □


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challenge: create bedding so blissful you just won't want to get up

WHEN IT COMES TO BEDDING, Rosella Louis, owner of The Brass Bed in Denver, believes that touching is believing. Still, first glance at this bedding tells you it's as luxurious as it gets. With this ensemble, described by the designer as "classic with a hint of exotic," Louis and her colleague Kristi Kiesler show that luxurious doesn't have to be complicated. They started with a richly colored duvet, repeated the pattern's main colors (and added texture) with pillows and a throw—and good night.

MATERIAL MULTIPLICITY "Sometimes people are a little bit afraid," Louis says. "They might just choose a duvet and two flat pillows—and that's okay if your look is a simplistic one. To me, bedding is comfort. Not to say that more is necessarily better, but softness and texture come with multiple materials." This spread displays a mix of luscious materials: woven long staple Egyptian cotton for the duvet, sateen and silk for the pillows, muga silk for the throw and silk taffeta for the ruffled accent pillow (that we simply love). "Because it has so many different tactile elements, this ensemble is just visually wonderful and good to the touch," Louis says. "It doesn't end up looking like, 'oh my gosh, I can't get in this.' It's very inviting."

BY CAROLINE EBERLY
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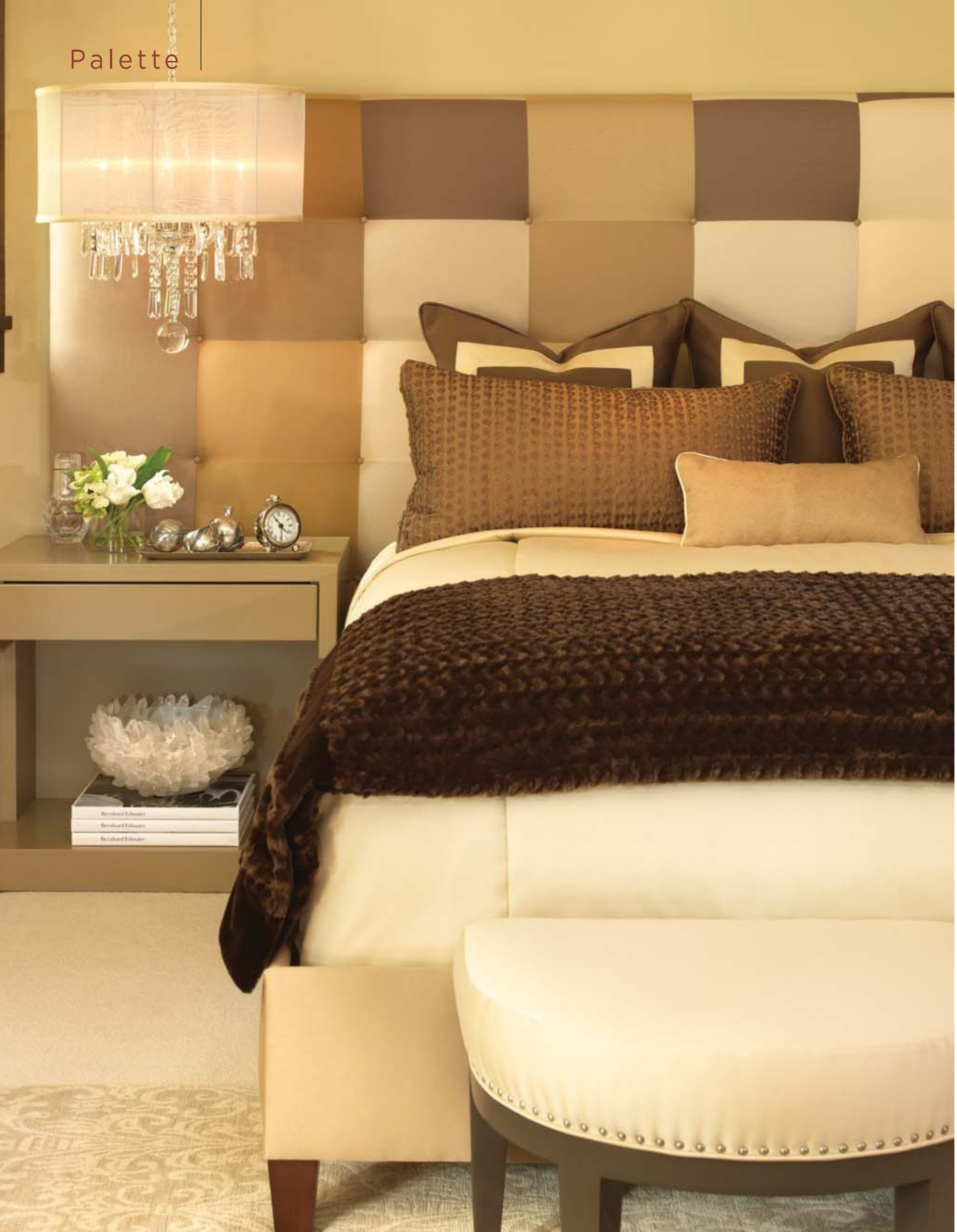


PAISLEY BEDDING "This pattern by Anichini comes in four different colors, and I think the the colorways are the most interesting aspect of the pattern," Louis says. "We decided to bring out tans and purples, but you could take it in a whole different direction; it's like a chameleon." *anichini.com.*

SILK THROW The throw, also by Anichini, is made of muga silk and adds a nice texture. "There's a very small production of muga silk around the Tibet area," Louis explains. "It's special because the worms are specific to muga silk, and the harvesters don't have to kill the worms to get the silk." *anichini.com.*

RUFFLED PILLOW "Ann Gish's embellishments are what she's famous for. Her pillows have beautiful satin buttons or gold trim. It's really a small industry of people who are doing this well, and it's a small selection of mills that can weave like this." *anngish.com.*

SHAMS Louis achieved a rich look of saturated color with the pillow shams, opting for a tone-on-tone purple design by Swiss company Christian Fischbacher. "They have a really nice color palette," Louis says. "I can almost always find the color I'm looking for." *fischbacher-usa.com.* ▷



INSPIRED BY A COUTURE clothing line, this bed scene's style is tailored and quiet, says designer Jane Cotter of Slifer Designs, based in Edwards. Yet there are glam touches throughout—a hint of bling in the chandeliers (hanging on either side of the bed) and the high-gloss sheen of the lacquered nightstands—that are reminiscent of eveningwear. A custom headboard covered in high-quality wool, which extends from wall to wall, became the design's guiding piece. Drawing from its palette, Cotter created quiet elegance with all-neutral bedding made of the finest fabric available, a choice the designer and homeowner couldn't pass up. The design is "a lot about the texture, the quality, the feel of a lot of those beautiful fabrics," Cotter says.

The designer's take-home advice? "I always say to err on the side of simplicity. When you get too caught up with making it too elegant or too glamorous, you really tend to lose your focus."

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CUSTOM HEADBOARD Cotter was drawn to the fabric's blocks of color that blend just the right amount. "Instead of just making it a standard king-sized headboard, we said 'let's take it wall to wall.' I don't suggest you try that at home," the designer chuckles. *sliferdesigns.com.*.

BEDDING Cotter had the bedspread custom fabricated out of a high-quality 100-percent wool fabric by Highland Court. With only two seams down the middle and no welting or scalloping, the look of the cover is ultra clean and tailored. *sliferdesigns.com.*

PILLOWS Made of the same ultra-luxe wool (by Brunschwig & Fils) as the headboard, the custom pillows are detailed with a lighter wool inset. For yet another luscious texture, a hair-on-hide pillow sits at the front of the arrangement. *sliferdesigns.com*

THROW The faux-fur throw from Second Impressions, a textile company in Wyoming, adds to "the quiet luxe of it," Cotter says. "There's a real peacefulness to this space." *(307) 326-5756.*

CHANDELIER The pair of Daniel Stuart chandeliers suspended on either side of the bed recall the elegance of eveningwear in a clothing collection. "I wanted some of that glitz, paired with the traditional wool texture [of the headboard]." *danielstuart.com.* □

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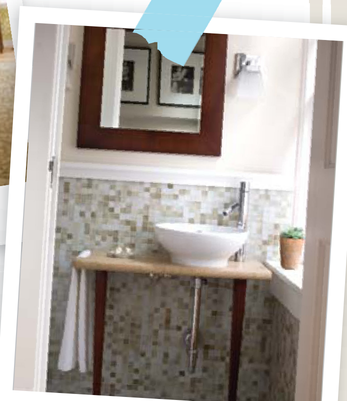
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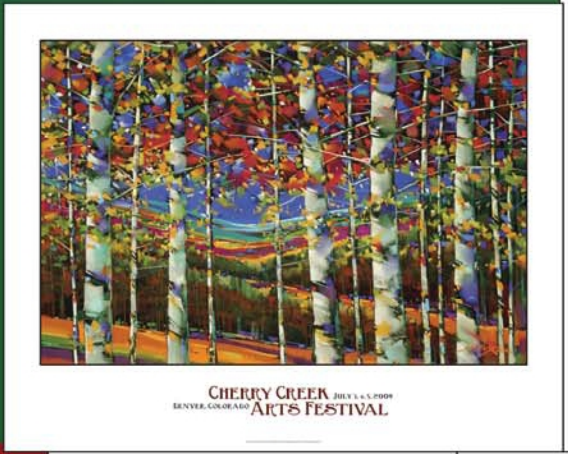
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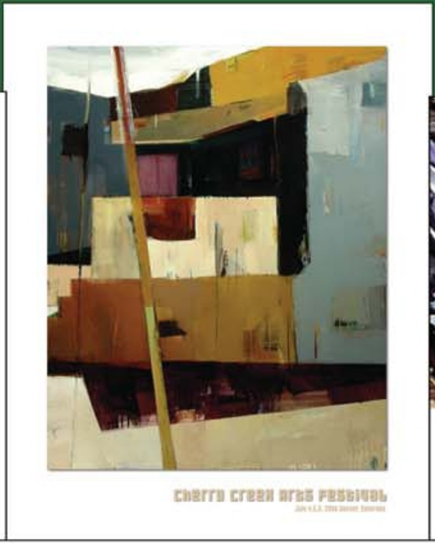
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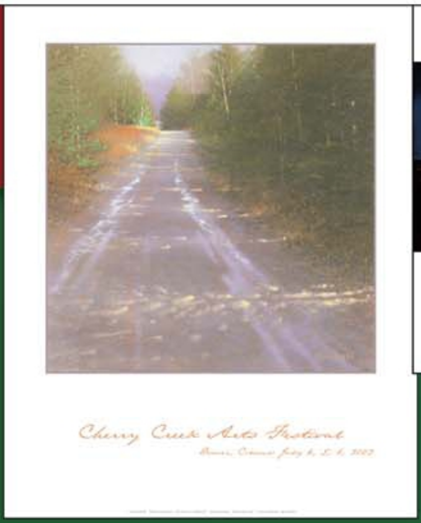
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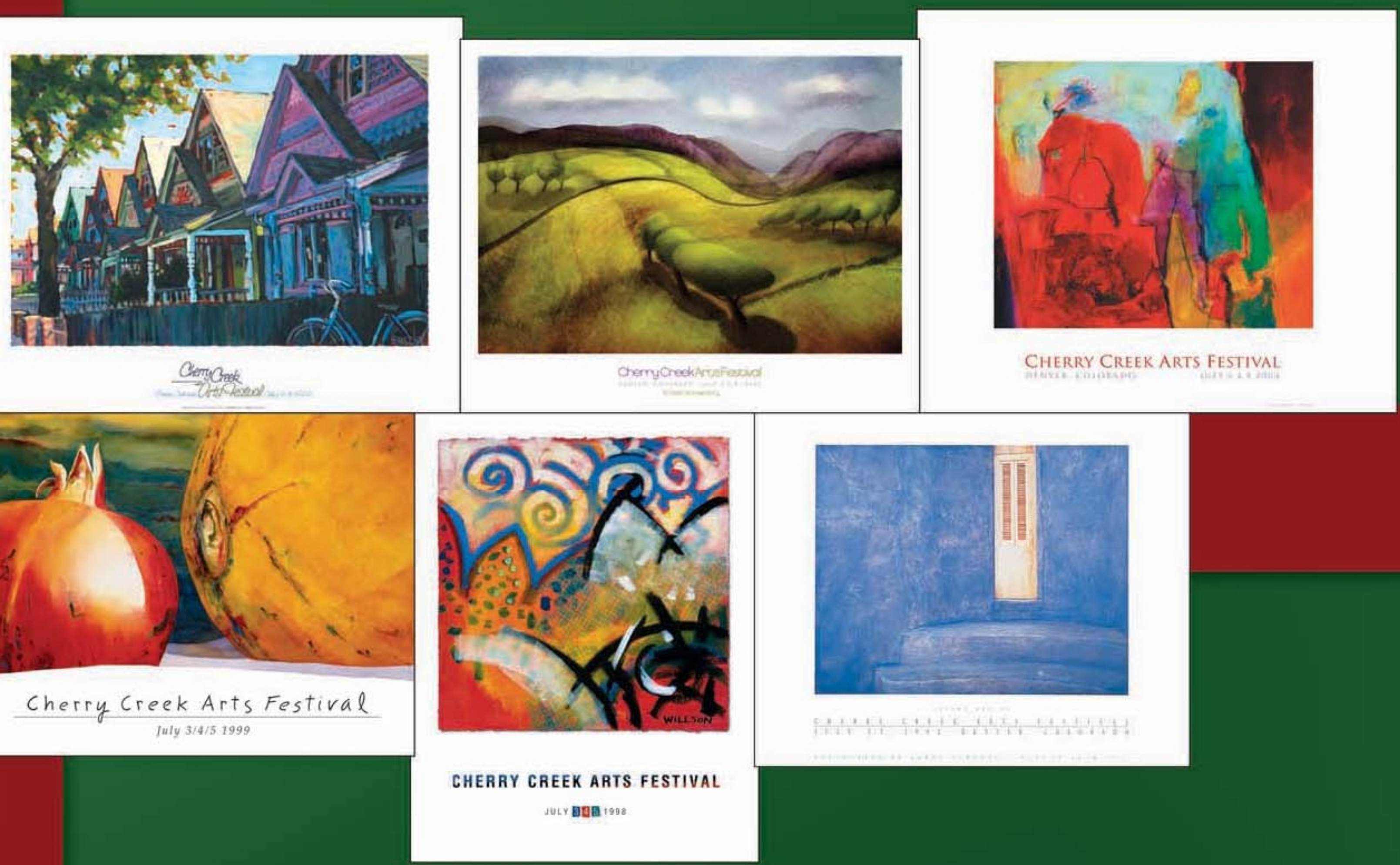
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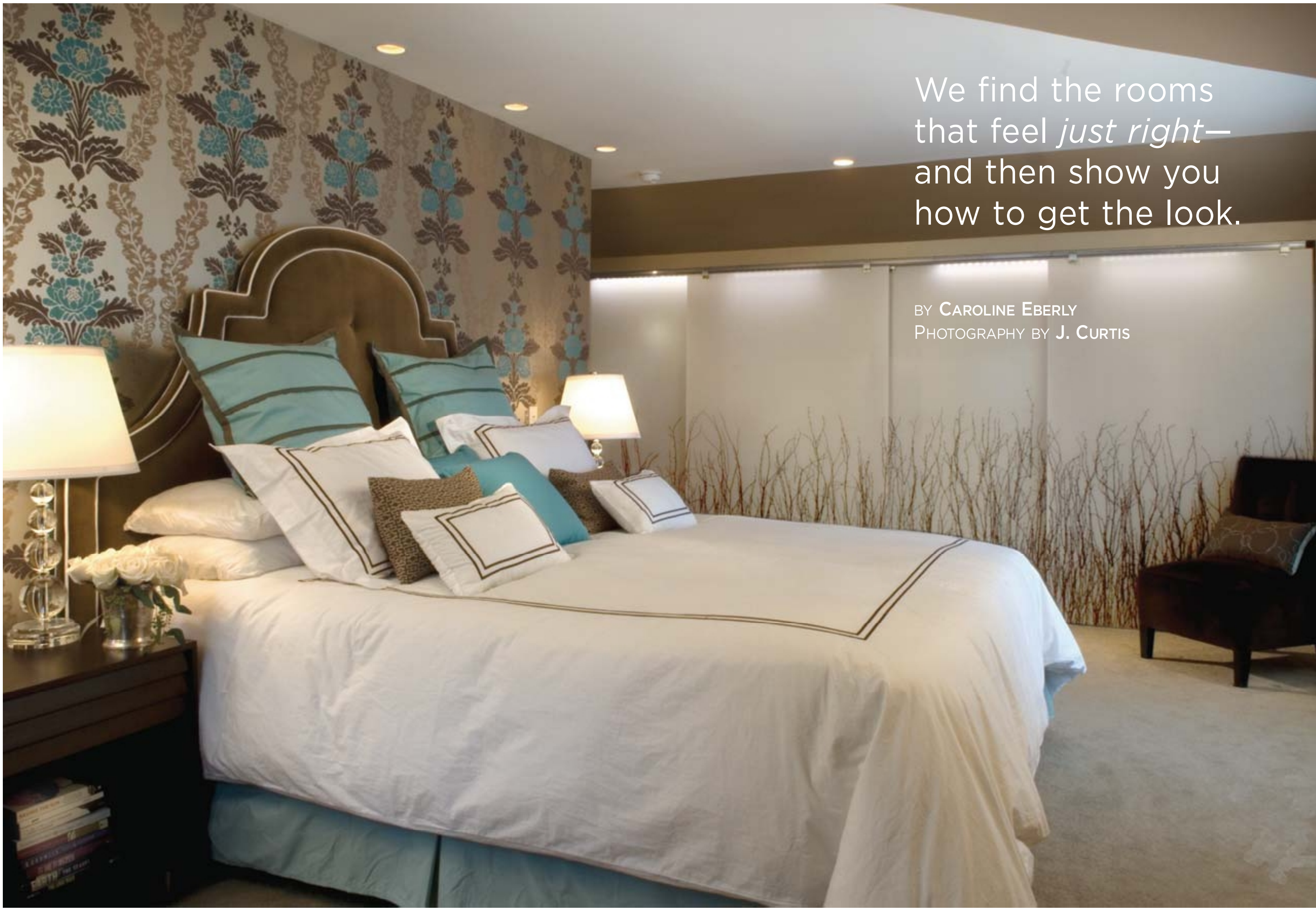
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We find the rooms that feel *just right*—and then show you how to get the look.

By Caroline Eberly
Photography by J. Curtis

WHERE IT BEGAN: When designer Jodi Feinhor-Dennis set out to remodel this bedroom in a Mapleton Hill home in Boulder, this is what she knew: the design had to make the most of a small space; the closet—which was practically nonfunctional—had to be overhauled; and the style had to match the impeccable taste of the client. “My goal was to modernize the space with a very, very comfortable, enriching and warm quality,” says Feinhor-Dennis, owner of Inironments in Boulder.

PERFECT TOUCHES: The wallpaper sets the tone—bold!—for the entire room. Feinhor-Dennis replaced light-purple paint with a high-drama wall covering in jewel tones by Tricia Guild; the wallpaper not only makes a statement but also anchors the space. To frame the bed, she brought in a large, curvy custom headboard. The overall look is “modern traditional funk,” the designer says. “We’ve got this beautiful headboard with a very traditional quality to it, and a wallpaper that also has a traditional quality, but the funkiness is in the patterning.” ▷

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To revolutionize the closet, Feinhor-Dennis came up with a strategic design that boosts storage space against an angled back wall. "It's almost my pride and joy of the whole house—what we did with the closets," she says. Strips of LED lights illuminate the oblong space, and a track-sliding mechanism allows clothes to be swept from one side to the next. Basic closet doors are out; in are sliding panels of a translucent eco-resin from 3form that open up the space—and add the unexpected pattern of birch branches.

STYLE GUIDE: To create a sassy ensemble like this one, Feinhor-Dennis recommends that you first find a jumping-off point—whether it's a headboard, wallpaper, bedspread or pillows—that will provide the "patterned wow factor," she says. From there, repeat the colors of the "statement" piece in other products throughout the room, making sure the hues appear in proportion to each other. Here, blue, brown and champagne—a layer here, a splash there—work together in balanced harmony.

But take note: this design isn't for the faint of heart. "I think only somebody that has a strong sense of self could live in a bedroom like this," the designer says.



TIP:

If you love the look of this graphic wallpaper but want an alternative approach, Feinhor-Dennis recommends adding texture to the wall by wrapping a favorite fabric around a large piece of Masonite. Then, hang it on the wall like an oversized picture frame.







GET THE LOOK

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MARSDEN LEATHER CHAIR BY CRATE & BARREL Handsome black walnut legs meet buttery leather (shown in Mountain Spring) in an accent chair with just the right amount of attitude. Crate & Barrel, Denver, *crateandbarrel.com*.

HUDSON TWO-DRAWER NIGHTSTAND WITH STEEL BASE BY ROOM & BOARD Tastefully understated design meets tidy craftsmanship in this clean-lined bedside beauty. (Be on the lookout for the signature of the artisan who crafted the piece). Room & Board, Denver, *roomandboard.com*.

MISS K TABLE LAMP BY ROOM & BOARD This sculptural little lamp, topped with a transparent polycarbonate shade that looks distinctly different when lit, is the perfect bedside fixture. Room & Board, Denver, *roomandboard.com*. □

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Minimalism



The living room features a sectional sofa by DELLAROBBIA and a trio of paintings by homeowner and hobbyist painter Paul Fair. The fireplace treatment includes a strand of wispy garland on the exterior and, inside, a set of three wooden balls wrapped in Christmas lights, which makes for a convenient alternative to building a fire. For the dining room table centerpiece, Fair arranged three gold lamps, which she'd salvaged when a neighbor tried to toss them out.

Meets Merriment

A few simple details, a smart decorating strategy and an enthusiastic family make this home shimmer for the season.

By Cheryl Meyers   Photography by J. Curtis

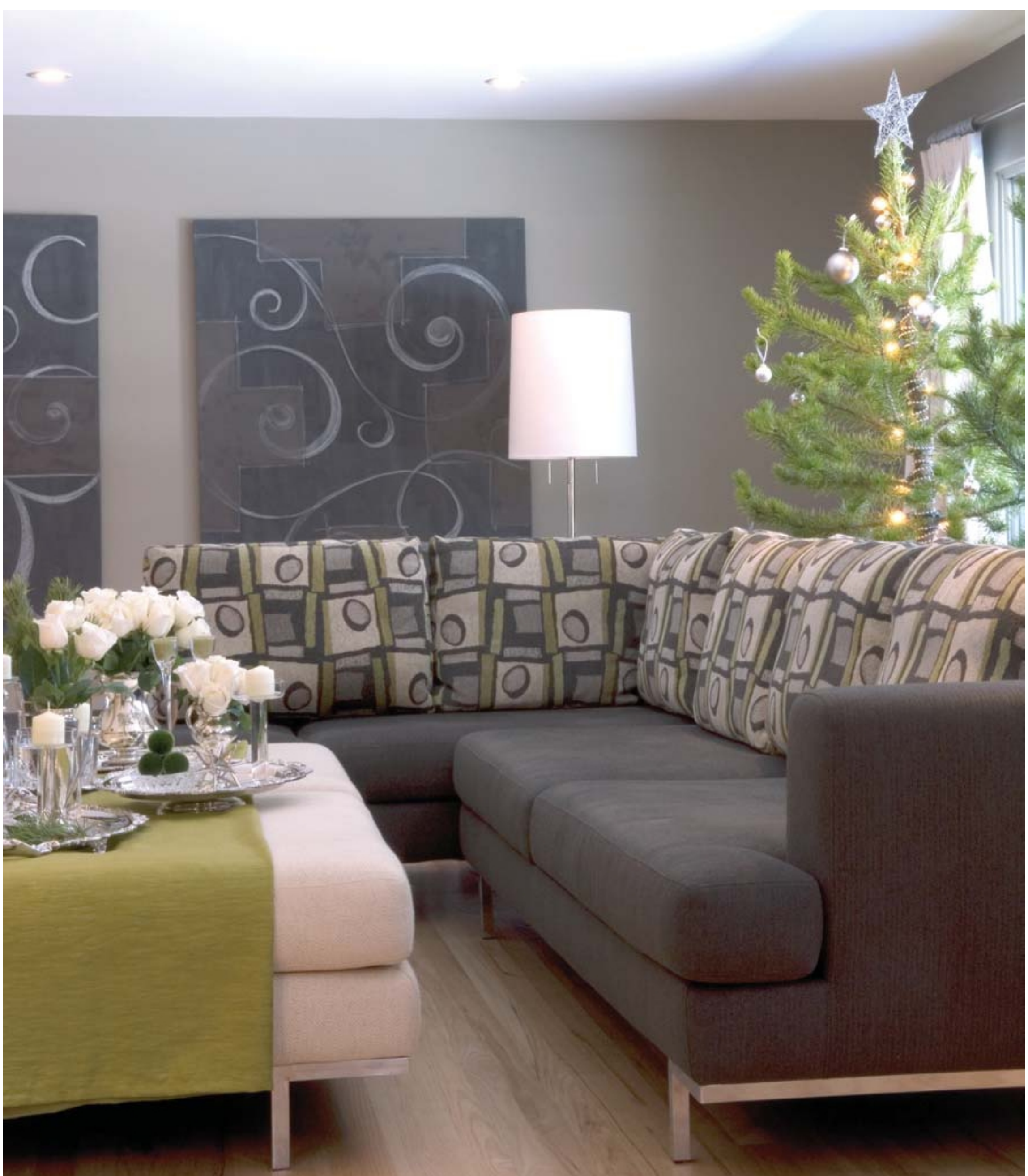




The Fair family decided to display four Christmas trees, one for each window along the front of the house.

CH&L: You live in a stunningly renovated 1950s ranch, and your Christmas decorations seamlessly blend with the minimalist décor. This couldn't have been a coincidence.

Homeowner Lorna Fair: It all started with an idea from my teenage son, Cole. We were driving up to my brother's house in Evergreen, like we do every year, to cut down a fresh Christmas tree, when Cole suggested we get four trees—one for each of the four windows in the front of the house. The whole design evolved from there.



Decorate Simply

Homeowner Lorna Fair's top tips for gorgeous and economical holiday décor.

PICK A THEME

It's likely you have boxes and boxes of Christmas decorations in the basement somewhere. But according to Fair, you don't have to put every last sugarplum fairy on the tree every year. Instead, try being selective with your décor: search for a cohesive and sophisticated theme, like a color, and bring out only those items that fit the bill. It's okay to give some of the ornaments a year off.

REMEMBER YOUR THEME WHEN YOU SHOP

According to Fair, if you have a theme in mind before you go shopping for Christmas decorations, it will make it much easier to navigate any store. There will be fewer impulse buys, and your decorations will blend—so they'll get more play in future years.

CONSIDER THE UNEXPECTED

Christmas decorations don't have to fit a formula. You'll notice that Fair's decorations include not one Santa Claus. With a few appropriately placed flowers and twinkly lights, you can follow Fair's lead and turn antique trophies and lamps into holiday decor.



On the ottoman, Fair artfully arranged her collection of antique silver serving trays and her father's old sports trophies. White flowers and candles join the mix for a sentimental holiday vignette amid the home's modernist furniture.

Hold the phone. You were able to get your teenage son to talk about holiday decorations? We're very impressed.

Both of my boys are used to talking about design; they've grown up around it. Their father is a product designer, and I studied art in college. We've been renovating our home since we bought it 10 years ago. In our house, there's always a family discussion about the holiday decorations, and every year we come up with a different theme.

So what did you do with Cole's idea?

My husband and I are both minimalists. So I knew if we were going to have four trees in the living room, we couldn't clutter them with too much stuff—I couldn't use all my decorations at once. I started simply by wrapping a string of bulb-style lights around the trunk of each tree. That felt a little stark, so I hung a few of my silver ball ornaments and some garland on the trees, and I finished off each tree with a silver star on top.



The kitchen features rift-cut white oak cabinetry by Miller Fine Cabinetry and Dupont Zodiaq Celestial Blue countertops, with barstools by La Palma. The three potted Christmas trees were decorated with jewel-toned ornaments to complement the brightly colored countertops and blue-glass walls. A few thoughtfully placed flowers and bowls full of colorful metallic balls add festive color in unexpected places.




Music For
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The bedroom set was made by Baronet, while the oversize, orange-corduroy pillows came from Nordstrom. Paul Fair painted the walls himself, creating a subtle textural pattern (look closely) by using two different sheens—flat and semi-gloss—in the same color to render a series of large squares.

Where did you find the stars?

I owned one already, so I went around to stores looking for three that were a similar size and color.

It sounds like the color silver emerged as a theme?

Absolutely. I wanted the house to feel sparkly and festive. But I also thought: How can I do this without spending too much money? So I worked with what I already owned, which happened to be a quantity of silver things. The silver balls get used almost every year. Sometimes I fill planters with them and other years I'll put them on the tree. I also have this collection of antique silver pieces—a set of serving trays from my mother and my dad's silver sports trophies from the 1940s. This year I arranged them on the ottoman with some silver candlesticks and flowers.

It's nice to have a few sentimental decorations at Christmastime.

Definitely. Since I have a minimalist eye, I don't want a whole lot of decorations cluttering the house. But I do have those moments when I want to pull out the old manger scene and set it up; I almost feel like I'm cheating on the decorations by leaving them boxed up. That's why I liked bringing out the tray and trophies. I think they soften the whole design.

What's the story behind the lamps on your dining room table?

Those were actually my neighbor's rejects—a set of three antique lamps that were headed for the trash bin. I thought they were such an interesting shape, and at the time we didn't have a light fixture above the table, so I arranged them as centerpieces to add some interest and some light. You can't beat the price: free. □

Make Yourself

This Denver home marries year-round casual charm with fresh holiday decorating ideas. The result? Comfortable style, perfect for hosting guests.



CH&L: **During the holidays, most of us spend more time at home. What is life like at your house?**
Homeowner Kristy Frankum: I've always been casual. I have three little boys, and we live in every square inch of our home. No one has to take shoes off—just throw your feet up on the sofa. But at the end of the day, I like an orderly house; I like my pillows fluffed.

Tell us how you would define your style.
Traditional meets contemporary bohemian. I try to marry the two with, say, a contemporary piece of art over an 18th-century sideboard. I like things that are out of proportion, like a large sofa with a child's chair next to it. I keep French, Spanish, English and American antiques, but I'm always moving them around to new places. I like to reinvent my style, and I'm always looking for a new project.

By **Sarah Ann Noel**
Photography by **Emily Minton Redfield**



at Home



(left) Homeowner Kristy Frankum and her family enjoy a casual, cozy Christmas rich with traditions and activity. The centerpiece of their holiday-infused home is always a hand-cut Christmas tree, one that Frankum compares to Charlie Brown's famed measly tree.

A large Hal Schwartz painting hangs above the sofa, providing a focal point for the room. In the corner of the space, the family proudly displays the tree, adorned with handmade ornaments in traditional and bright colors. "The tree always has a lot of imperfections, but the holes allow us to see all of the ornaments," Frankum says.





One of those projects was a full home remodel.

Yes, our home is a Denver Square that was built in 1905. It was a fixer-upper, but that's why we bought it. We knocked down walls, put in a new kitchen, repainted everything, replaced all the bathrooms. Then we had our first baby, then a second baby—and when we found out we were having our third baby, we knew we either had to move or create an addition. So in 2006, we added 3,000 square feet.

You're pretty invested in your entire home, but do you have some favorite elements?

I think what I like the most is the great room right off the kitchen. It has tall French doors that open up to a flagstone patio. The first of April, the doors open, and they don't close until the last day of October. Everybody's in and out, and leaves are blowing in; sometimes I feel like it's an open-air house. Our house has a real sense of indoor-and-outdoor living.

Your home seems so... alive. Tell us about how you add holiday traditions and décor to your space.

Three years ago, our friends invited us on a trip to cut down our own Christmas tree. We trekked up to the mountains, and we cut down the

(above) An amaryllis showcases Frankum's love for bright, popping color against traditional neutral tones. Don't let your tree be the only "living" element in your décor, she advises. "I like a clean palette and then like to add spice with punches of moss green, orange and turquoise," Frankum says. The throw pillows, for example, move from room to room as Frankum redecorates on a whim. A tip for parents: Frankum slipcovers her upholstered contemporary furniture. Wash the slipcovers regularly to maintain a crisp backdrop for colorful accents.

(below and right) Frankum focuses on bright, traditional holiday décor such as these stockings, which are hand-needlepointed. The homeowner also brings live greens into her décor, like this boxwood garland which stands out against the white lines of the mantle. Display bowls of fresh fruit, such as the apples on the mantle and dining table, to add simple style.





ugliest tree you have ever seen—the Charlie Brown tree. But we were so excited about it. Now every year we cut down a tree. We look for one that's about 10 feet tall, and it has to have a lot of imperfections. Our annual tree-hunt has taught me to love the imperfect, and now it's our favorite Christmas tradition.

The tree is the centerpiece. But you have other traditional Christmas decorations around the house.

Our tree is the contemporary piece; everything else is very traditional. We get paperwhites and an amaryllis every year. I buy so many of them that the whole house smells like paperwhites. I like boxwood garland and bowls of pine cones on my mantle. We have traditional stockings that were hand-needlepointed, and I do one big white poinsettia.

The live décor gives your home a fresh feel.

I love stocking up on fresh flowers; it reminds me of North Carolina where I grew up. Plus, I like to move the decorations around. For instance, if I'm entertaining, like at our annual Christmas party, the paperwhites sit on my kitchen island so that everyone can smell them. I like to place the amaryllis in a prominent spot because the color is so strong—it exudes Christmas. And white poinsettias look fantastic under the tree or in a fireplace.

Do you have any tips to share for incorporating your casual style when decorating for Christmas?

Every month I scour interior design magazines, and when the holiday issues come out, I feel some of the homes are overdone. I like simple, classic and to-the-point. For example, we have a boxwood wreath, and on this I use only one gold bow. To me, less is more, especially during the holidays. □



The master bedroom captures the essence of Frankum's design style: clean lines, neutral hues and brightly colored accessories she can rearrange as she pleases. "I think decorating is a very personal thing," Frankum says. "You spend your life collecting pieces that mean something to you, and the trick is to bring it all together to show your personal flair.



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Bath OF THE Year

PLATINUM PERFECTION

DESIGN GOAL: This master bathroom is fit for a rock star—and it attracts a lot of groupies. "As much as [visitors] love the rest of the house, they kind of get shook up in here," says homeowner Karyn Contino.





By Elisabeth A. Sullivan Photography by Kimberly Gavin



Contino and her husband, Sal, wanted to create a functional, stylish shared space full of light and art in their newly built home in Breckenridge. With an eye for design, which she honed as a color specialist and clothing retailer, Contino worked with architect Lynn Scott of Palm Desert, Calif., and interior designer Marti Seese of Colorado Springs to create a bathroom that's two parts bathing oasis, one part gallery. She chose a subtle color palette of blue, brown and silver, and added a heavy dose of visual interest with half-inch-square platinum glass tile from Capco and high-gloss Thurston cabinets with silver edging, which seem to float above the floor. The floor itself adds a textural note to the room: It's covered with rich brown ceramic tile that has the look and feel of aged leather.



DEFINING DETAIL: Contino has a hard time choosing her favorite element of this room's design. It's a toss-up between the rock star-worthy platinum glass tile that surrounds the deep Jacuzzi tub, and the glamorous and fun blown-glass bubble chandeliers positioned to evoke ephemeral, sudsy orbs floating out of the tub and sink.

"I've always loved glitter, so that's why the silver tile appealed to me. It makes me feel special, like a princess," Contino says. "But I'd say the bubble lights are what people are stunned by. They're so contemporary and they go so well in a bathroom," she says.

WHY IT WORKS: Any bathroom that makes the homeowner feel like a princess and prompts visitors touring the new home to stop in their tracks has done its job. But this room goes beyond glitz and glamour. "It just works; that's the best part of it," Contino says

The bathroom offers functionality that helps the Continos enjoy their morning preparations and "emerge whole for the day," she says. There are his-and-hers vanities with ample storage, direct access to the couple's walk-in closets, and a private washer and dryer.

From its usability to its sheer sense of style, this bathroom deserves top billing. "It just came together. It was almost like magic, that room," Contino says.

RESOURCES: Architecture: **Lynn Scott**, Palm Desert, Calif., (760) 345-3534; Interior Design: **Marti Seese**, Colorado Springs, (719) 226-0404; Builder: **Apex Mountain Homes**, Frisco, (970) 668-3402; Tile Floors: **Capco Tile & Stone**, Denver, (303) 759-1919; Cabinets: **Thurston Kitchen and Bath**, Denver, (303) 399-4564; Granite: **Dal-Tile**, Denver, (303) 722-2800; Lighting: **Liesl Lighting & Electrical**, Denver, (303) 573-0074; Towels from **Scandia Down**, Denver, (303) 355-3510.



A RETREAT AMONG THE TREETOPS

DESIGN GOAL: Mike Farr certainly had the utmost confidence in Tracie Schumacher's ability to design an appropriate bathroom for his newly built home. They'd known each other for about 12 years, says Schumacher, designer and owner of Studio80 in Edwards, so "he gave me free rein. He let me do what I wanted."

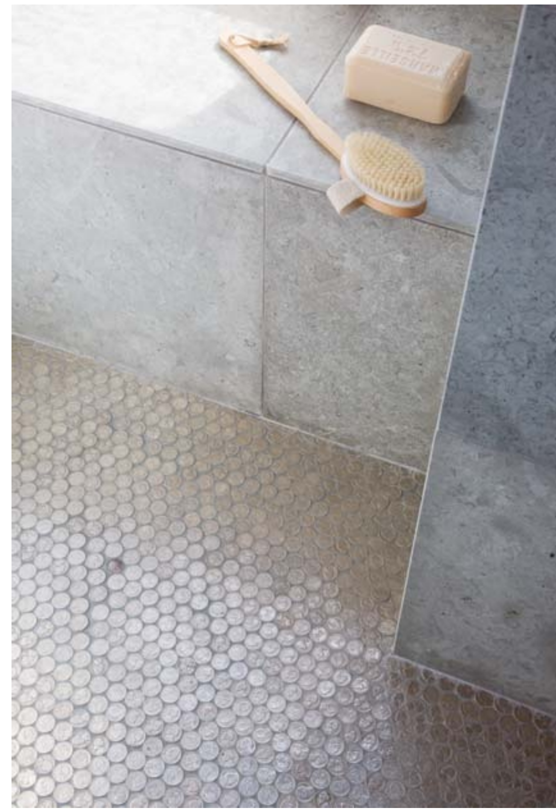
There *was* one caveat: "His whole home is 'industrial barn,'" featuring concrete, metal and rustic wood finishes, Schumacher says, and the bathroom needed to follow suit. "It's minimal, industrial; he wanted it clean. But the views out the windows are amazing. It feels like you could just fall out of this bathroom into the woods."

DEFINING DETAIL: This house is one of a kind—and so is the bathroom. "We incorporated the shower into its own shed made of recycled barnwood, and we placed $300 worth of nickels on the shower floor. We had the tile installer install each nickel one at a time," Schumacher says. The effect, of course, is worth every cent.

Photography by **Kimberly Gavin**







Schumacher is especially fond of the room's custom-built mirrors on industrial rollers, which slide back to reveal a medicine cabinet. It's a masculine touch in a decidedly masculine space.

WHY IT WORKS: Like the house, the bathroom is new, old, modern and rustic all at the same time. Schumacher installed dark blue limestone floors, outdoorsy but modern faucets and a freestanding tub. She hung plain lightbulb fixtures over the sink to enhance the industrial, utilitarian design scheme, and metal pendant lamps elsewhere to continue the lighting scheme running throughout the rest of the home. "The metal and the stone, the colors and the lighting—everything is consistent throughout the house," Schumacher says.

RESOURCES: Interior Design: **Tracie Schumacher**, ASID, **Angela Rapihana, Studio 80 Interior Architecture & Design**, (970) 926-4770; Architecture: **Andrew James Abraham**, AIA, **AJA Studio**, Edwards, (970) 376-2575; General Contracting: **Mike Farr, Pure Woodworking**, Edwards, (970) 390-6943; Towels from **Scandia Down**, Denver, (303) 355-3510.



AN INSTANT CLASSIC

DESIGN GOAL: Warmth and comfort can be hard to come by in a room of near-palatial proportions. But Kimberly Jamerson, owner of K Studios in Denver, managed to make this 372-square-foot bathroom a cozy and commodious spa-like retreat for a Denver couple.

With so much square footage, the trick was to keep the room "at a human scale so that you don't feel lost in such a large space," Jamerson says. To that end, the designer brought in dark walnut cabinets and Calcutta Gold, Blue Celeste and Thassos White marble. "It's all marble used in many different ways to add texture: a basket weave here, a diamond pattern there, a subway-tile look elsewhere," Jamerson says. She accentuated the light pouring in through the ample windows with a vintage Murano crystal chandelier. She also worked with the bathroom's scale by dividing it into his and hers sides, and installing a large soaking tub and two-person steam shower in the middle of the room.

DEFINING DETAIL: The dark woodwork and abundant mirrors are the pièce de résistance in this design, creating an instant "nouveau classic elegance," as Jamerson describes it. "I just love the cabinetry in the space," she says. "It adds, in a positive way, to the feeling of spaciousness." The dark wood tones stand in sharp contrast to the room's neutral palette, and the mirrored panels reflect the room's polished marble, sparkling crystal and shining nickel fixtures.

WHY IT WORKS: This bathroom strikes a balance between antiqued charm and contemporary efficiency. While the mirrored panels and dark woodwork add a classic touch, the neutral color palette keeps the room very much in the here and now.

RESOURCES: Interior Design: **Kimberly Jamerson, K Studios**, Denver, (303) 355-5876; Cabinet Design: **Angela Otten, Wm Ohs**, Denver, (303) 321-3232; Architecture/Build: **King Brown, Colorado Master Builders**, Denver, (303) 455-8416; Glass work: **Denver Glass Interiors**, Englewood, (303) 531-5353.

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MAXIMIZING ASSETS



DESIGN GOAL: Historic homes are known for their uniqueness and charm, but not always their square footage, so homeowners should look for creative ways to put their seemingly unusable nooks and crannies to use, says Jodi Feinhor-Dennis, owner of Invironments Design in Boulder. "That's one of my favorite things to do: to create space where people might not find space."

For this master bathroom tucked under the sloping roofline of a 1900s home in Boulder, Feinhor-Dennis promised the homeowners that she would increase the room's functionality tenfold. "The goal was to maximize the [existing] space and include storage in the areas that we could," Feinhor-Dennis says.

"The homeowner had actually done some work already," the designer adds. The wife had chosen a brown, textured floor tile, and bought a sleek, white sink and rectangular mirror. Feinhor-Dennis expanded on those design elements by creating an earthy but sophisticated color palette of browns and greens, which is featured prominently in the glass subway tiles affixed to the wall behind the sink in a bold patchwork pattern.

DEFINING DETAIL: Organization is key in a small space, and this bathroom makes the most of every square inch. Storage is tucked into formerly useless space between walls, and the designer worked with a metal fabricator to build a walnut-trimmed custom vanity that wraps under and around the room's tricky roofline. Built-in drawers allow plenty of space for hair dryers and other beauty tools.

WHY IT WORKS: "So many people say they want a hotel spa-like bathroom," Feinhor-Dennis says. "The thing about a great hotel is the completion of the thought, the design." Here, the earthy, coordinated color palette—coupled with the efficient use of space—lends the room a sense of completion that soothes the senses. "The impact that the glass tile has just pulls the whole space together," Feinhor-Dennis says.

RESOURCES: Interior Design: **Jodi Feinhor-Dennis, Invironments**, Boulder, (303) 413-9800; Vanity: **Scott Osborne, Osborne Sculpture and Design**, Boulder, (303) 494-2121; Tile Installation: **Apache Stoneworks**, Broomfield, (303) 464-8828. □

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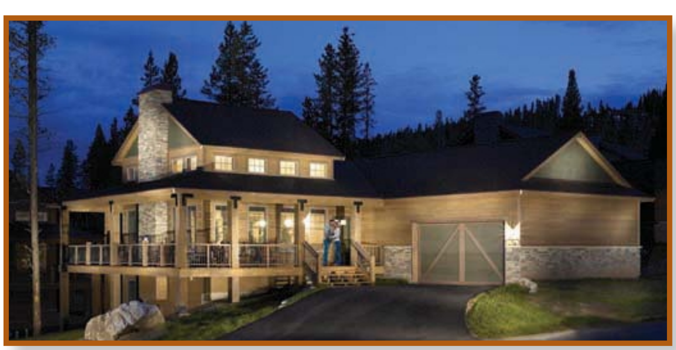
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This historically designated Georgian colonial mansion boasts Adams detailing throughout. It is situated on a park-like setting of approximately .61 acres and features five bedrooms, four bathrooms plus a two bedroom, one bathroom apartment for an au pair or guest unit. Meticulously maintained, this is a truly unique historic home and a rare find for a buyer looking for a home of this era.

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This gorgeous home boasts wonderful amenities including Brazilian cherry hardwoods, a luxurious master suite with fireplace and a five-star hotel bathroom, custom Caruso kitchen with high-end stainless steel appliances and an amazing indoor/outdoor living area with outdoor fireplace, Koi pond and waterfall. The home is situated on a nearly half-acre lot in a private cul-de-sac on the best lot in the neighborhood.

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Offered at $1,299,000

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AMAZING EXPANSIVE VIEWS

CONIFER | COLORADO

Offered at $1,500,000

Situated on approximately 10 acres, this home features snowcapped peak views with a close-in Denver mountain location. It boasts expansive windows that offer stunning views. Rustic touches throughout include stone accents, timber beams and alder wood. Features include an incredible kitchen, main-level master and study. Four fireplaces including one outside, a fire pit, home theatre and more complete the home.

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LIVING THE DREAM

PINE | COLORADO

Offered at $1,375,000

This log home of over 6,000 square feet it is situated on approximately five acres in a community with 600 acres of open space. It boasts hardwood floors, stone tile, granite and a gourmet kitchen. The game room has its own bathroom and could be used a guest apartment. Teeming with wildlife, its setting is pristine. Experience the mountain lifestyle without compromising proximity to Denver and world-class skiing.

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STUNNING MOUNTAIN ESTATE

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This fabulous home enjoys the natural beauty of the Colorado mountains and is close to Denver and world-class skiing. With approximately 6,140 square feet, it is situated on approximately 2.9 acres and overlooks a beautiful meadow with mountain vistas. The home boasts professional landscaping, with great detail given to the outside ambiance for entertaining and relaxing. There is a home office, library and recreation room.

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ENGLISH COUNTRY ESTATE

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This tranquil estate, situated in an equestrian area on approximately 5.3 acres, is in the heart of Boulder County. The elegant five bedroom, seven bathroom home has spectacular views from every room. Features include a main-floor master suite with private retreat and exercise room, mahogany library, guest suite with private entrance, four tiled terraces each surrounded by balustrade and two three-car heated garages.

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BEAUTIFUL GATED LOG HOME IN NEDERLAND

NEDERLAND | COLORADO — Offered at $839,000

Surrounded by a majestic forest, this two-story, approximately 4,500 square foot log home sits on nearly two acres. Located approximately 30 minutes from Boulder, it offers four bedrooms, two and one-half bathrooms, vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, library, exercise room, dual two-car attached garages with separate workshop and a 600-bottle wine cellar. This home offers seclusion as well as rustic elegance.

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NIWOT MEADOW FARM

NIWOT | COLORADO — Offered at $800,000

This impeccable built-green five bedroom beauty sits on approximately one-quarter acre in coveted Niwot Meadow Farm. Upscale finishes include cherry, granite, hardwood and tile. The spacious kitchen boasts granite countertops, stainless appliances, cherry cabinets, center island and a breakfast nook that opens onto the deck. The finished basement has a recreation room, fireplace, bathroom and two bedrooms.

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AMAZING HOME WITH GORGEOUS VIEWS

LOVELAND | COLORADO

Offered at $885,000

Gorgeous views of Devil's Backbone and the foothills are found in this four bedroom, four bathroom home. Impressive high-end finishes include a gourmet kitchen with stainless appliances, granite countertops and breakfast nook. Amazing views from the family room with custom fireplace and wood floors. The main-floor master boasts private deck access. A finished walkout with theater room and wet bar completes the home.

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LAKEFRONT WITH MOUNTAIN VIEWS

LOVELAND | COLORADO

Offered at $1,250,000

Cradled on Buckingham Reservoir with a Rocky Mountain backdrop, this home sits on approximately three quarter-acres. Views are captured from most every room. The walkout lower level provides access to the yard and lake. Features include four bedrooms including a main-floor master, eight bathrooms and a gourmet kitchen with high-end appliances. This home is magnificent, capturing a truly unique Colorado experience.

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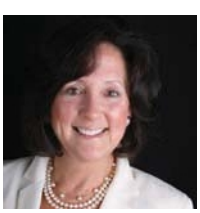
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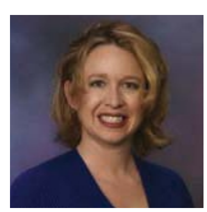
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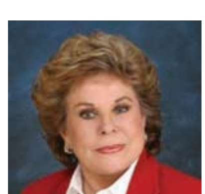
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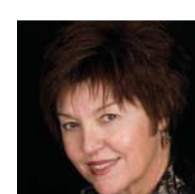
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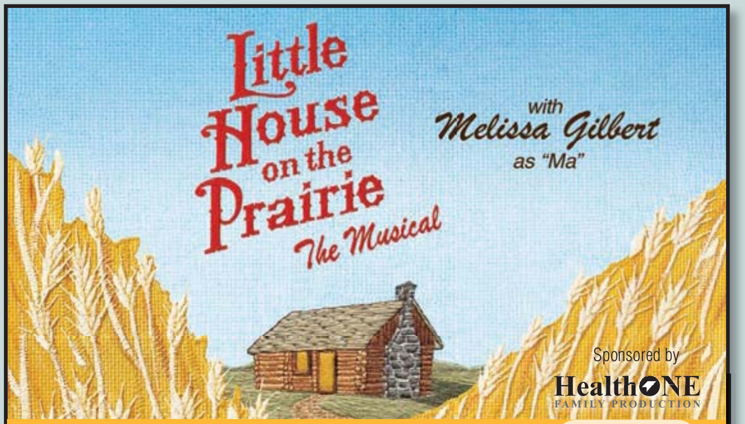


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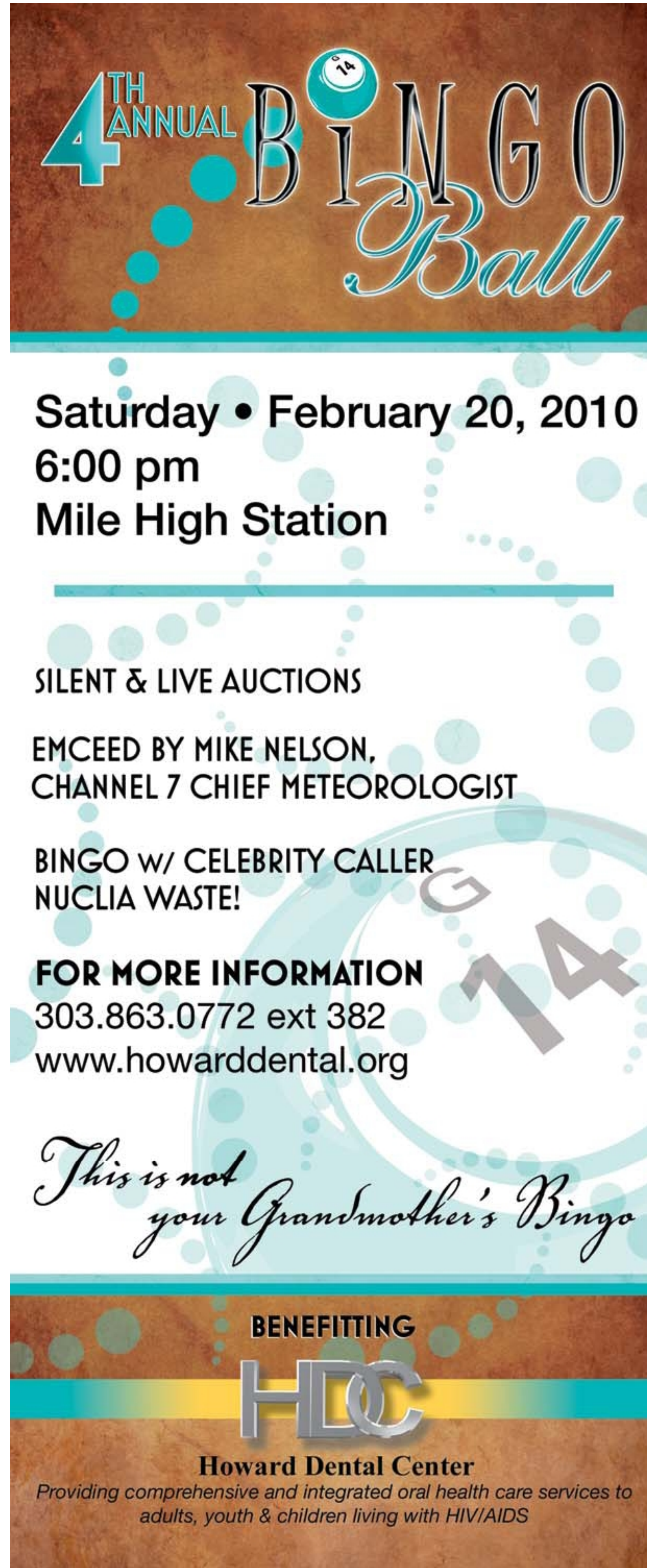
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10 things
you should know about a
Zen Bath



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1 **At the heart of Zen design** are seven principles that comprise "Wabi-sabi," a Japanese worldview centered on acceptance of life's impermanence. The seven principles are: asymmetry or unevenness; elimination of the ornate; weathered and aged essentials; unforced creativity; hints and suggestions (rather than the obvious or explained); creativity and imagination; and silence and tranquility.

2 **In the ideal Zen bath,** says Kristi Dinner, principal of company kd, llc, a Denver design firm, you should be able to connect to the outside world. In other words, the best tub placement would be in a corner where two glass walls intersect so that you can contemplate the changing of the seasons—the greatest metaphor for life's transience.

3 **The reality,** adds Dinner, is that unless you're building new (and have neighbors far away), you'll probably have to work with some existing space and privacy challenges. If you can't reasonably have a wall of windows, then at least make sure your soaking tub is near a big window with coverings that allow light and some view of the outdoors. And don't put the tub and shower together. "They should be in separate parts of the room," Dinner says.

4 **Though soft, serene colors work best**—pale greens and blues, taupes, whites, browns—Dinner once designed a dramatic red Zen bath (left) reminiscent of fire.

5 **While colors should not compete** with one another, varying textures are a must. "These should be textures from nature," Dinner says. Think woven baskets that house lush cotton towels, woven window coverings if privacy is an issue, river rock on the walls or around the tub, wood with its natural grain showing. Everything should feel good to the touch.

6 **The most critical component** in the Zen bath is the soaking tub, which most of us think of as being deep and freestanding. But a sunken tub is easier to climb into—and no less authentic.

7 **The best lighting is warm ambient light.** Though can lighting is a popular choice, Dinner suggests you not put it above the soaking tub. "Who wants to look up and see cans?" she asks. Consider cove lighting in your tub area or wall sconces.

8 **A common misperception** about Zen baths is that the goal is to bring the outdoors in. Not so. The goal is to connect with nature through big windows that allow contemplation of the world's beauty. What does that mean in terms of design? You do not need to fill your Zen bath with green plants.

9 **Want inspiration?** For the real deal, go to Thailand and visit Anantara's Golden Triangle Resort. Or closer to home, check in for spa services at Osmosis Day Spa Sanctuary in Freestone, Calif. (near Sonoma).

10 **Maybe your remodel can't include every element** of Wabi-sabi. Be practical with your space and budget. You'll know that the design works when stress falls away like a bathrobe every time you slip into your tub. □

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